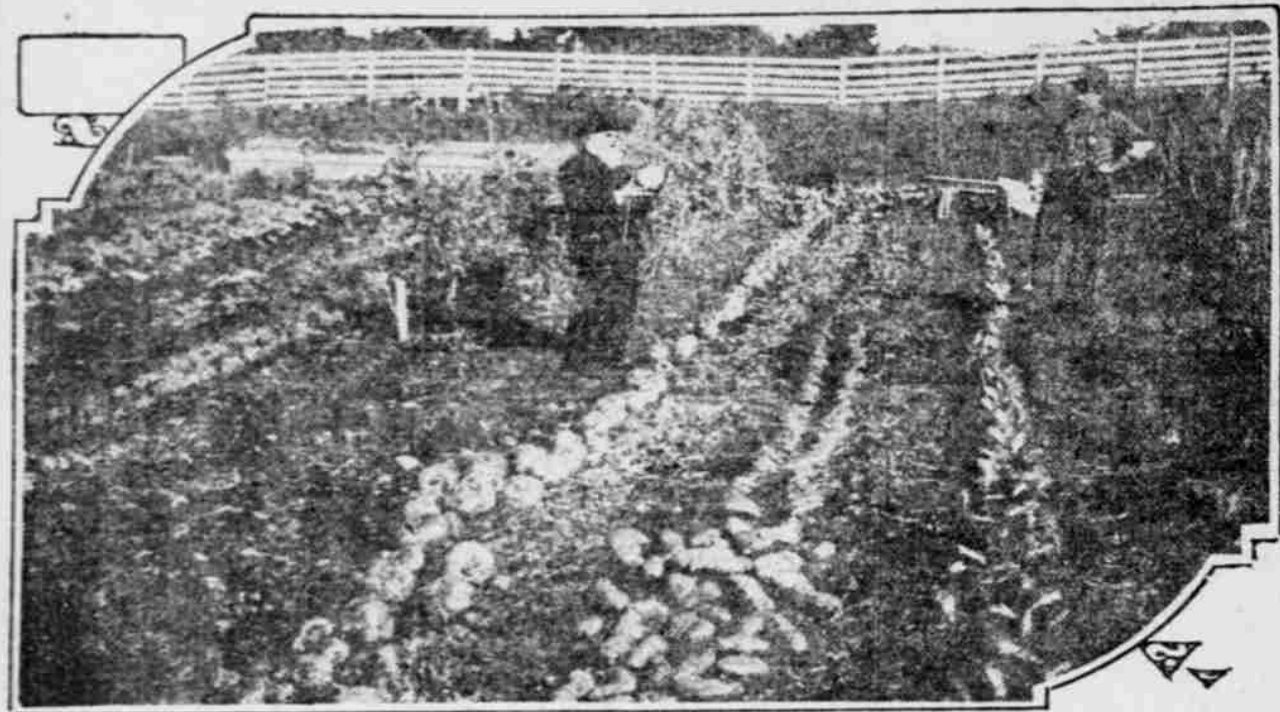


## Alaskan Farmers Prosperous, Says Wirt



A vegetable garden at Sitka, Alaska.

(Editor's Note—Lincoln Wirt, was for four years United States commissioner of education in Alaska. He is one of the best posted men in this country on Alaska and her resources.)

In a previous article I spoke of the great agricultural possibilities in the interior of Alaska. On the coastward side of the Aleutian range, the broad Mesas and lower meadow lands are particularly inviting to the homesteader. The Japan current sweeping northward along the Asiatic coast, throws one arm eastward along the Aleutian peninsula, then southward along what is known as southeastern Alaska. The soft winds blowing across this gentle stream temper the narrow strip of land which slopes from mountain to sea. Here is a stretch of coast more than a thousand miles long and from one to one hundred miles wide, where the temperature seldom drops to zero.

The mean temperature at Sitka for February, 1911, was 33 degrees Fahrenheit. Just across the coast range, however, where the temperature is not influenced by the Kuro Sivo, or Japan current, the temperature fell during that month to 70 degrees below zero. Strange as it may seem, records taken at Sitka from 1900 to 1912 prove that there was never a week in the winter there on the coast when the temperature was as cold as at New York, Washington or Berlin.

Alaska contains 65,000,000 acres of agricultural and grazing land. To use the words of the famous correspondent, John J. Underwood, whose recent book, "Alaska, an Empire in the Making," is the last word on "Seward's Folly": "It is generally supposed that



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the temperature of Alaska is hyperborean—that is, the land of icebergs, a land so cold that the birds lay frozen eggs and fly backward to keep the snow from blinding them."

Professor C. C. Georgeson of the United States department of agriculture, after 12 years of experimentation in various parts of Alaska, declares there is no possibility of agricultural failure. He has raised oats, rye, timothy, barley and winter wheat successfully, but he thinks rye will be the staple crop of Alaska cereals. Besides the many farms and truck

gardens now being conducted by private individuals, four agricultural experimental stations are maintained in Alaska by the government.

At the head of White river, horses are turned loose in the fall and there is so little snow they successfully forage all winter. At Fairbank, \$1,800 worth of potatoes were sold from a three-acre truck farm.

Perhaps the most astonishing produce of Alaska is the berry crop. Raspberries, strawberries and currants of the finest variety are here raised and because of the great amount of sunshine per day they are said to be sweeter and more highly flavored than those raised anywhere else in the world. Flowering plants grow everywhere along the Alaskan coast regions. Pansies, nasturtiums, California poppies and old-fashioned flowers of all kinds may be found in the doorways of many home-loving miner's cabins.

Perhaps the most truthful testimony to the succulence and abundance of Alaska's wild grasses are the herds of mountain goats and mountain sheep that spend their winters on its hill-sides and valleys, and the great herds of caribou that roam the plains. Nature's method of showing us that Alaska is a great stock raising country.

Let me close with another quotation from Underwood: "Finland, Sweden and Iceland, countries not so highly mineralized as Alaska, and containing less arable land, support a population of more than 12,000,000 people, and Alaska—a much richer country—supports a population of less than forty thousand white people and about an equal number of natives. Surely this condition cannot prevail always."

for egg production, nor for southern climate.

**Maintaining Quality While Preserving Vigor**—This is accomplished by introducing blood from time to time and by a process of line breeding. It is sometimes disastrous to introduce new blood. If a conflicting strain is used the work of years may be destroyed in a single season. But new blood, if obtained from the same strain as the original flock, i. e., from a strain that has been bred in line for years, will add vigor and quality to the flock. Some advocate adding new blood through the female; others prefer selecting a choice male and mating him with a pen of selected females.

Another method of maintaining vigor is by process of line breeding. There are two methods of in-breeding, close breeding and line breeding. Close breeding is a form of in-breeding where males and females from the same parents are mated together. This results in physical deterioration and is undesirable. Line breeding is a form of in-breeding which avoids the serious results of close breeding and

## POULTRY CULTURE

## ARTICLE XXV.

The great problem in poultry culture is "How to make the income overtake the cost of production," and in solving this problem several important questions must be considered.

The Question of Breeds and Breeding—What breed shall I select? What is the best breed? How can I improve the quality of my flock? How can I maintain vigor, size and productiveness in the flock and sacrifice nothing in color or shape? These are questions that confront every breeder.

The remark is often made that one breed is as good as another. Such a statement must be taken with due allowance. The selecting of a breed must be determined by climate, the environment, the end sought and the tastes of the individual. The white leghorn would not be selected for a market fowl nor for a severe climate. The buff cochin would not be selected

with the object of carrying "an aggressive and militant campaign for fire prevention into all parts of the United States."

## HOLDS LOVE SUIT GIVES HIM MIRTH

J. S. Kinney, Michigan Millionaire, Laughs Over Widow's Action for \$500,000.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—John S. Kinney, the 75 year old millionaire Michigan mine owner, said yesterday that he had not laughed so heartily in a good many years as he did when the district marshal served on him the citation in the \$500,000 breach of promise suit filed by Mrs. Ida M. McNabb, a Milwaukee widow.

"This to laugh," he chuckled. "It is true Mrs. McNabb and I entered into a marriage contract, but love was not her motive. She has no broken heart. It is ridiculous that a woman under 38 years old should fall in love with a man of 75. I'll fight her suit to the highest court before she gets a cent of the \$500,000 they say I have. "It's true I was attentive to Mrs. McNabb, but when the whole story is unfolded you'll see what chance she has of getting any of my money. I have retained a woman lawyer to defend me."

Miss Kinney, the millionaire's daughter, who is attending the Washington college of law, indignantly denied that she had influenced her father not to marry Mrs. McNabb. "Father has a mind of his own," she said. "I couldn't influence him if I would."

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Ida M. McNabb broke her silence yesterday with the serving of papers in Washington, D. C., on Kinney. She said her case would be based on a written contract for marriage. The contract, she says, was executed in Calumet, Mich., by the law firm of Galbraith & McCormick, before she came to Milwaukee, about 18 months ago.

"When a woman reaches middle age, with the one ambition of educating her three children, she goes mighty slow in such affairs," she said; "and when a man reaches later life, and has much wealth and several children, he, too, is apt to want such affairs to appear in black and white."

"I have nothing to say further. Later I will have a little story to tell. It's a simple story, and yet one that will need no justifications nor excuses. Even Mr. Kinney's own best friends in Michigan are against him in this matter."

## Persistent Carlyle.

The father of Thomas Carlyle was a stonemason and a good one, so his son said. The elder was as proud of his stone walls as was the son of his own "French Revolution" when he threw the complete manuscript on the table and said something like this to his wife:

"There, let the world have it. I have put my best blood into it."

But his patience and pride in his work was to receive a severer test. He lent the manuscript to a friend, who did not safeguard it. As a result a servant threw it into the fire. The author was not mirthful by nature, yet he went cheerfully at his work again and for the second time put his best blood into it.—Boston Globe.

## How to Glaze Nuts.

Glaze nuts are always great favorites. Use walnuts, filberts, almonds, Brazil nuts and pecans. For the glaze turn into an enameled saucepan one-half pound of granulated sugar and one-half cupful of water. Boil until it threads, then add three tablespoonfuls of vinegar and boil again, removing from the fire the very instant it changes color. Dip the nuts as quickly as possible, let them dry and dip again and cool upon paraffin paper. If many nuts are to be dipped it is better to set the sirup into a larger vessel of warm water, so that it will not harden.

## Stage Paint.

Painting the face on the stage is a barbarous custom come down to us from the age of oil lamps and candles. With gas and electric light and opera glasses for the remote seats in the house it is not needed.—London Dramatic Journal.

## Charges.

"Your lawyer made some pretty severe charges against the other fellow, didn't he?" "Y-e-e-s, but you ought to see how he charged me!"

## FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORMS

For the Return of Annual Net Incomes of Individuals

The government has just issued Form No. 1040, which every citizen or resident of the United States with an income of \$3,000 per year or over will be required to fill out and file with the Internal Revenue Collector on or before March 1st next, covering the statement of his or her income for the period between March 1st and December 31st, 1913.

We are prepared to furnish copies of this form on request.

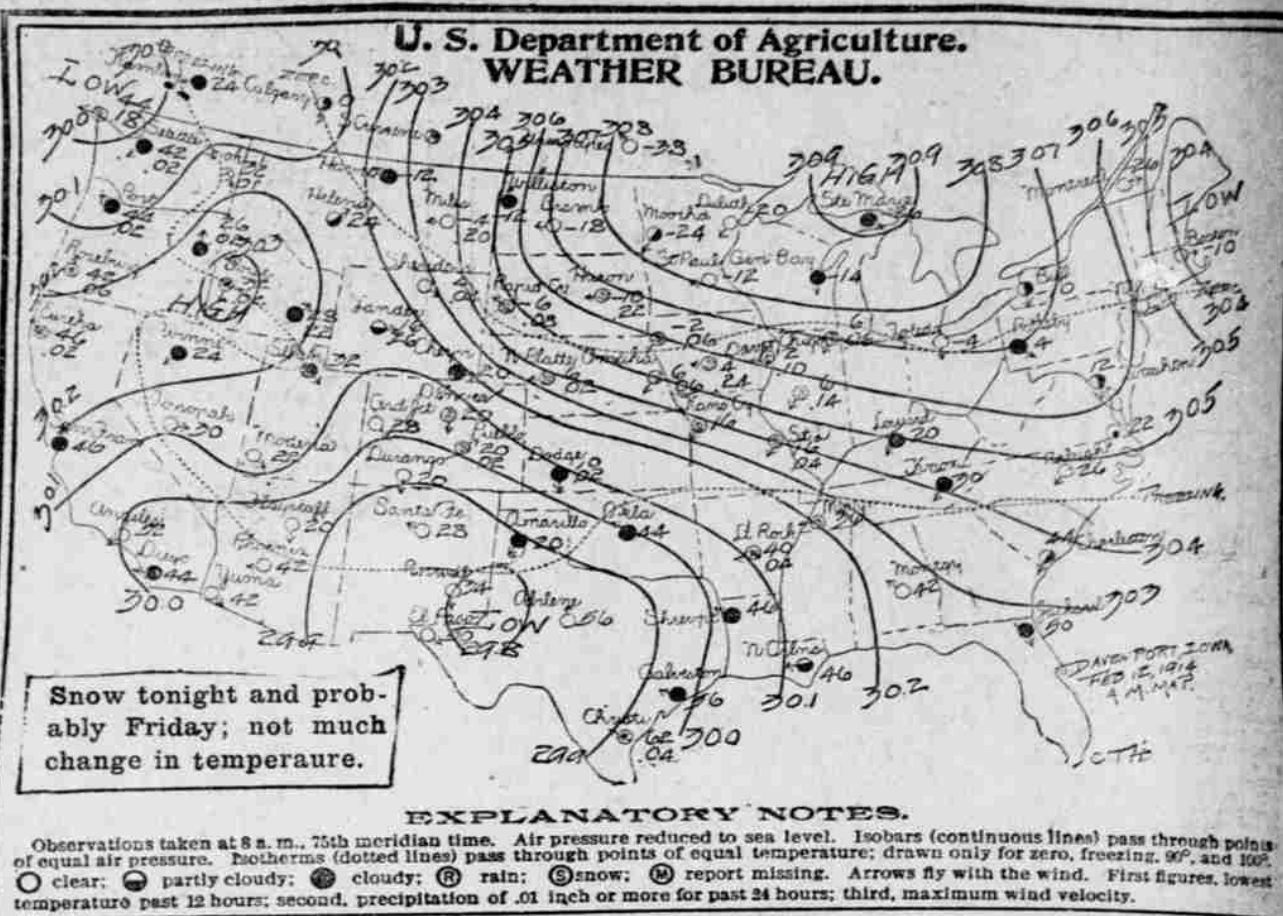
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## Daily United States Weather Map



Snow tonight and probably Friday; not much change in temperature.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Observations taken at 8 a. m., 75th meridian time. Air pressure reduced to sea level. Isobars (continuous lines) pass through points of equal air pressure. Isotherms (dotted lines) pass through points of equal temperature; drawn only for zero, freezing, 90° and 100°. Clear; ☁ partly cloudy; ☁ cloudy; ☁ rain; ☁ snow; ☁ report missing. Arrows show the wind. First figure, lowest temperature past 12 hours; second, precipitation of .01 inch or more for past 24 hours; third, maximum wind velocity.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Rocky mountain storm center which has moved southeastward to western Texas is causing snow in the Missouri and Mississippi valleys and the southwestern portion of the lake region. The crest of the northern high has advanced to upper Michigan and high pressures now prevail as far southward as Florida, with a sharp fall in temperature along the Atlantic slope north of the Carolinas. Temperatures below zero are again noted from eastern Montana, the Dakotas and Manitoba eastward to New York

and New England, with the coldest during the night at Winnipeg, where the thermometer registered 38 degrees below zero. Owing to the influence of the low which is off the coast of British Columbia, the temperature is moderating in the Canadian northwest. The northeastward movement of the Texan low will be attended by snow in this vicinity tonight and probably Friday. No important change in temperature is expected.

## OBSERVATIONS.

High. Low. Prop. Boston ..... 16 70 .00 Buffalo ..... 40 10 .00

Davenport ..... 8 2 .00 Denver ..... 44 20 .00 Jacksonville ..... 56 50 .00 Kansas City ..... 26 16 .00 New Orleans ..... 58 46 .00 New York ..... 20 0 .00 Norfolk ..... 42 22 .00 Phoenix ..... 74 42 .00 St. Louis ..... 26 16 .00 St. Paul ..... 4 12 .00 San Diego ..... 70 44 .00 San Francisco ..... 60 46 .00 Seattle ..... 50 42 .00 Washington ..... 32 12 .00 Winnipeg ..... 20 38 .00 Yellowstone Park ..... 34 16 .00 J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## TAKES BRODIE IN MOONSHINE DRAMA



Constance Bennet, just before her leap.

New York, Feb. 12.—Rodman Law, the "human skyrocket," and Florence Bennett, a young moving picture actress, are respectively the hero and heroine of the most thrilling film romance ever enacted in New York City. They jumped off the Williamsburg bridge into East river, 135 feet, into icy water, while two camera men stood calmly by and took pictures of them.

A few days ago the same couple jumped on horseback down a 30-foot gorge in central New York state. This is the story of the daring feats, as told by Herbert Blanchey, who wrote the scenario of "The Moonshiners." The hero is a "movie" actor, calling on his sweetheart in Kentucky. His rival is a moonshiner. The moonshiner, of course, turns villain and says that the hero is a revenue officer who has given him trouble in restraining his trade.

The gang decides to get him, but, snatching the girl, the hero mounts a charger and dodges his pursuers by leaping over a precipice.

The couple reach New York and find the moonshiners hot on their trail. They make a dash for liberty in a machine. Ever closer and closer come the outlaws in a faster car, armed to the teeth with six-shooters.

As a last resource, hero and girl open their parachute and leap from the bridge, are rescued by James O'Neil, who at his age ought not to be found swimming in February water. They sail to safety on a tug, thus free forever of the persecutions of the moonshiners. The couple are then married.

## Today's Market Quotations

## Market Square Sales

February 11, 1914.

4 loads of corn at ..... 70c  
1 load of timothy hay at ..... \$16.00  
1 load of mixed hay at ..... \$14.00  
1 load baled straw at ..... \$7.00

**LOCAL MARKET CONDITIONS.**  
Feb. 12.—Following are the wholesale quotations on the local market today:

**Butter, Eggs and Cheese.**  
Eggs fresh doz ..... 38c  
Eggs, storage, doz ..... 25c  
Butter, dairy, pound ..... 26c  
Butter, creamery, pound ..... 28c  
Butter, packing stock, pound ..... 21c

**Vegetables.**  
Parsley, bunch ..... 8c  
Cucumbers, hot house ..... 15c@20c

Lettuce, pound ..... 25c  
Potatoes, bushel ..... 85c  
Cabbage, pound ..... 10c  
Red onions, per cwt ..... \$3.25  
Bernuda onions, pound ..... 4c  
Parsnips ..... 60c  
Carrots ..... 60c

**Poultry.**  
Old cocks ..... 3c  
Hens ..... 12c  
Spring ..... 14c  
Ducks ..... 12c  
Turkeys ..... 13c

**Fish.**  
Silver Salmon ..... 11c  
Perch ..... 10c  
Halibut, fresh ..... 11c  
Yellow Pike ..... 12c  
Pickercil ..... 7c  
Catfish ..... 10c  
Bullheads ..... 11c  
Trout ..... 14c  
Flounders ..... 10c

## WIRE SPARKS

Washington—First results of the recent international safety at sea conference at London took form when the cutter Seneca was ordered out from New York for the Atlantic ice patrol.

Pittsburgh—Motormen and conductors whose strike since early in December has inconvenienced fully 75,000 persons residing in the lower Allegheny valley boroughs, returned to work.

New York—The American Society for Fire Prevention was organized here

with the object of carrying "an aggressive and militant campaign for fire prevention into all parts of the United States."

Manchester, England—The estate of the late William Stanley Houghton, the dramatist, was appraised at \$37,000. It had been said that he made \$500,000 out of his play, "Hindle Wakes," alone.

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## A MOTHER'S LETTER



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**Woman Candidate for Mayor.**  
Rockford, Ill., Feb. 12.—Mary Kennedy has announced her candidacy for mayor of Mount Carroll. She is believed to be the first woman to seek that office in Illinois.

**Raise Fund for Death Talk.**  
Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 12.—Local residents are raising a fund to enable Mrs. Bessie Carlson, widow and washerwoman, to have a last talk with her son, Arthur, who is in San Antonio, Texas. A letter from the youth, who is a minor, says that he is innocent, but that within a few days he must pay the penalty for murder. The boy bade his mother goodbye and wrote that he would meet her in heaven. Expression of her desire to see him led to the movement to raise a fund for her trip.

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